Vision Project Grant Awarded to QCC

On September 6, 2011, QCC was awarded funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ competitive Vision Project Performance Grant. The awards were made to 18 public higher education institutions, announced by Governor Deval Patrick.

The awards were made through the Performance Incentive Fund (PIF) a program proposed by Governor Patrick to support a variety of new and existing programs to improve college readiness and attendance of high school graduates as well as college graduation and student success rates. An independent, external review panel evaluated proposals submitted by each of Massachusetts’s 29 public campuses and made recommendations for funding.

QCC was awarded $180,500 from a total $2.5 million award to provide math boot camps and enhance the college’s STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program. President Gail Carberry commented on the success of QCC’s boot camps, saying, “A lot of our students were skating through their senior year in high school with no math and getting rusty, so we started boot camps.”

“We tested the students going in; we tested them going out, and many of them improved. Some of them jumped up as much as two levels in six weeks.” The grant will allow for further enhancements and beta testing of the boot camps.

The grant will also provide funding for a collaborative program with Worcester State University to develop expanded Graduate-level programming. The joint program’s goal is to create new professional development opportunities for instructors who wish to teach in Early College High School programs.

The Massachusetts Board of Higher Education endorsed the Vision Project in order to produce the best-educated citizenry and workforce in the nation, focusing on five key areas: college preparation, college completion, student learning, workforce alignment and elimination of disparities.

A public relations campaign is being scheduled to publicize the award and the related programming projects.

QCC and Quaboag Sign MOU

QCC and Quaboag Regional Middle/High School in Warren, MA recently signed a collaborative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to offer high school students an opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school. The new MOU will lead to the launch of the Early College Pathways program in science, technology, engineering and math.

The Early College program is different from a traditional dual enrollment program because the college credit courses are taught and credit is earned on the high school campus.
Campus News

Send us your news! We want to hear what’s happening in your department and with your students or staff. Submit information at www.QCC.edu/newsletter.html. Events, awards, success stories... We want to share your news with the entire QCC community. The deadline for the October e-newsletter is October 14, 2011.

Business Office Move

In June, the Business Office transitioned to its new location in the North wing of the Administration Building. The new space is light and airy and business processes continued uninterrupted during the planned move.

IRaP Announces Strategic Plan Implementation Fund Fall Deadline

The Office of Institutional Research and Planning, with the College’s Executive Team and the Strategic Action Team leaders, is now accepting proposals for the Strategic Plan Implementation Fund fall deadline.

Based on feedback from last spring’s initial request for proposals, the teams made revisions to the application and to the review process. For those who submitted proposals last spring, these changes will be apparent in the updated documents, which include the application and the (new) sample rubric which will be used by the Action Teams and Team Leaders to vet the final proposals.

Deadlines for the fall ’11 proposals are:

Proposals due on or before: October 17

Action Team reviews completed on or before: October 31

Awards granted: Before December 20 (end of fall semester)

The same RFP process will reoccur in the spring semester; deadlines are included in the proposal form. The proposal form also includes more information on the purpose of the Strategic Plan Implementation Fund, its focus, and the review process. For the form, go to the IRaP sharepoint site at: http://sharepoint.qcc.mass.edu/IR/sp/Shared%20Documents/Forms/AllItems.aspx, then select the “Strategic Grants Proposal Form 8-15-11” word document.
QCC Commermrates 10th Anniversary of 9/11 with Remembrance Ceremony

On September 13, QCC honored the victims of the 9/11 tragedy and paid special respects to the 415 Emergency Service workers lost, during a somber on-campus ceremony.

Cheryl Finn initiated the service with her rendition of the Star Spangled Banner while the QCC Honor Guard (Lt. Reynaldo Rodriguez, Officers Daniel Litchfield, Steve DiGiovanni, and Hasnain Ali) presented colors.

Vice President of Enrollment and Student Services, Steve Sullivan, Chief of Campus Police Kevin Ritacco and Rebecca Daniels, Campus Minister all spoke to the gathering.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Mr. Sullivan and Chief Ritacco placed a wreath at the base of the US flag.

Faculty Member Jim Rice Attends 6th World Congress of Education International

Jim Rice, Professor of English Communication Skills attended the 6th World Congress of Education International (EI) as a NEA Delegate representing higher education and serving on the NEA Constitution and By-Law Review Committee. EI approved a comprehensive education policy to guide the views of its 30-million strong global membership. This policy is supported by the belief that quality public education is essential for healthy communities and must become a global priority for all governments.

QCC Student Selected as Leader of Promise Scholar

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) Honor Society member, Samuel Offei of Worcester, was recently selected as a 2011 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar. Mr. Offei was chosen out of 1200 applicants based on academic achievement and leadership potential.

The scholarship is designed to provide PTK members with financial resources to help defray educational expenses while enrolled in a two-year college. The $1000 scholarship will be disbursed over two semesters.

Mr. Offei is currently enrolled in the Business Administration program.

The QCC Family congratulates Mr. Offei on his scholarship award!
HACE Hosts Annual Event
The Hispanics Achieving and Celebrating Excellence (HACE) Committee will host its annual reception at QCC on Wednesday, October 5 at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrington Learning Center. The Committee will honor 34 local high school seniors recommended by area schools and agencies for their accomplishments in the disciplines of Arts, Academics, Leadership or Community Service.

The Committee is also accepting nominations for the Olga Lopez-Hill Scholarship which will be awarded at the annual event. Nominations were due September 28. For more information on the scholarship, contact Susan LaPrade at susanl@qcc.mass.edu, ext. 4368 or Maria Addison at mariaa@qcc.mass.edu, ext. 4452.

Tickets for the event are available by contacting Deborah Gonzalez at ext. 7524, Maria Addison at ext. 4452, Liz Ortiz, Pat Solitro or Susan LaPrade in the President’s Office at exts. 4489, 4203, or 4368.

Second Annual Walk to Prevent Suicide
For the second year, QCC Psychology/Psi Beta Clubs will join Clark University students to host a Worcester-area walk for suicide prevention on October 15. Funds raised from the walk will benefit the American Association for Suicide Prevention. The walk will start at Clark University, 950 Main Street, Worcester; check-in time is 11:00 a.m. This year, QCC’s Nursing Club will also be joining the effort. Join the QCC Wyverns team by registering at www.outofthedarkness.org.

For more information, contact Psychology/Psi Beta Clubs Advisor, Valarie Clemente at vclemente@qcc.mass.edu, ext. 7506.

Rewards Fund Makes a Difference
The Men’s Basketball Team will once again be raising funds for the Rewards program and would like your support. The Rewards program provides short term incentives for student-athletes to perform academically as well as they perform athletically. Athletes whose GPA is 2.5 and higher are eligible for rewards such as sneakers and sweat suits. Contributions to the Fund help defray the costs of the rewards. Those whose GPA falls below 2.5 are faced with game suspensions or dismissal. Head Coach and Senior Admissions Coordinator, Hadley Camilus, says the program makes a difference!

In order to raise money for the Rewards program, the team will rake faculty and staff yards for $200 and also sell t-shirts.

For more information, contact Hadley Camilus at hcamilus@qcc.mass.edu, or at ext. 7559.

Road Bowl II Walking Challenge Kick Off
The Colleges of Worcester Consortium’s Road Bowl II Walking Challenge kicks off Friday, September 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Athletic Center.

Last year, 44 QCC teams hit the pavement and stomped all over the competition! The challenge is on for a repeat performance! This year’s Road Bowl has been shortened and will run only for the month of October (starting 10/3 and ending on 10/28) so lace up, get walking and Revel in the Rivalry!

For more information or questions on the event, please contact Laurie Comeau at ext. 4355 or Diane Maple at ext. 4226 in the Human Resources Office.
PTK News

Cook Out Success:
The Annual PTK Charity Cook-Out on Wednesday, September 21 was a success! PTK raised over $2700 to donate to non-profit organizations Life Skills, Inc. of MA and Stepping Stone Theatre of Shrewsbury. PTK members and Bonnie Coleman, PTK Advisor, were pleased with the results and happy to have dodged the rain.

New Student Club
The newly formed Intercultural Club is seeking new members as well as enthusiastic students to fill the positions of Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The mission of the new club is: “To build bridges between different cultures in areas of language, race, religion and ethnicity.”

Interested students can contact founder and president, Samuel Offei at soffei@qmail.qcc.edu or Advisors, Mishawn Davis-Eyene at mdavis-eyene@qcc.mass.edu or Kirsten Patey-Hurd at kpatey-hurd@qcc.mass.edu.

Alumni News
The QCC Alumni Association will be sponsoring a day trip to Salem, MA on Saturday, October 29. The tour is $39 per person and includes transportation on a Luxury Silver Fox Motor Coach, and admission to the Salem Witch Museum.

For more information contact Nancy Chosta at 508.854.4385 or nancyc@qcc.mass.edu.

Flu Clinic
Get your flu shot before the Flu GETS YOU!
On-site Flu Clinics are scheduled for:

October 6, Thursday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
107A, Worcester Campus

October 11, Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
QCC Southbridge, 5 Optical Drive

Free with most insurances! (www.findaflushot.com)

Where in the World is the Wyvern?

I Will...
On September 9, Student Life and Leadership sponsored the “I Will” event at the Fuller Student Center. Students, Faculty and Staff were invited to sign a Remembrance poster, to let others know their intentions to honor the victims of 9/11.
QCC Family welcomes the following new faculty and staff and congratulates newly promoted staff:

On April 18, 2011, there were three appointments made to staff that went unannounced. The following appointments were made in the Administrative Services Division - with apologies for the late announcement:

- **Ray Wisniewski**, Director of User Services - Ray previously served as the Helpdesk Manager, and has been with the College since 2005.
- **Jesse Bottcher**, Director of Network Infrastructure - Jesse previously served as the Assistant Director of Network Services and has been with the College since 1997.
- **Patrick Printz**, Associate Director of Network Infrastructure - Patrick previously served as the Helpdesk Operator and has been with the College since 2006.

On August 22, Administrative Services welcomed **Jim Dussault** into his new role as Second Class Power Plant Engineer. Jim brings to the college 23 years of HVAC Service and Installation experience from the private sector.

Also on August 22, the following staff in Administrative Services were appointed as Desktop Support Technicians (EDP Systems Analyst I):

- **Leo Burgess** – Leo has been a Technical Assistant III with the College since 2008.
- **Dan Cahill** – Dan has been a Technical Assistant III with the College since 2008.
- **David Rand** – David has been a part-time Technical Support Administrator with the College since 2009.

On August 28, the following new, full-time faculty were welcomed:

- **Ricardo Caton**, Assistant Professor of History – Ricardo earned a BA in History from University of the Pacific, CA, an MA in Latin American and Iberian Studies from the University of California at Santa Barbara, CA, and a PhD in History from the University of California at Santa Barbara, CA, and brings with him 10 years of teaching and research experience.
- **Judy Colson**, Assistant Professor of Psychology – Judy brings 12 years experience as an Adjunct Faculty member teaching at Quinsigamond Community College, Becker College, Anna Maria College, Massasoit Community College and Coastal Carolina University, and 6 years experience as an academic advisor. Judy earned a BS in Communication Disorders from the University of Massachusetts Amherst and an MEd in Secondary Education Guidance Counseling from the University of South Carolina.
- **Hao Loi**, Assistant Professor of Computer Science – Hao earned a BS in Computer Science at Trinity College, CT, and both an MS in Computer Science and an MBA in Finance at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, CT, and brings 22 years of executive experience from the private sector in Financial Quantitative and Computer Operations.
- **Sheri Boisseau**, Assistant Professor of Nursing, ADN – Sheri earned a BS in Nursing from Rhode Island College, and an MS in Nursing from the University of Phoenix, and brings over 20 years of progressive experience in clinical, administrative and educational nursing practice, most recently serving as the Director of Health Services at Evergreen Center in Milford, MA.
- **Doe West**, Assistant Professor of Human Services – Doe earned an AA in Liberal Arts at Dutchess Community College, a BS in Speech & Hearing Science Teacher Certification at S.U.N.Y., New Paltz, an MS in Rehabilitation Counseling at Boston University, and a PhD in Law, Policy & Society at Northeastern University, and brings over 28 years of adjunct faculty teaching experience in public and private higher education, including the past three years as an adjunct faculty member at Quinsigamond Community College.

On August 30, Academic Affairs welcomed **Michael O’Connell** into his new role as Teacher, Children’s School. Michael has been an Assistant Teacher with the QCC Children's School for the past 2 years.

On September 6, Administrative Services welcomed **Brian Bandalewicz** into his new role as Desktop Support Technicians (EDP Systems Analyst I). Brian has been a Help Desk Technician with the College since 2009.

On September 12, Administrative Services welcomed **Joan Perry** into her new role as Computer Center Manager. Joan previously served as a Tech Assistant II within Network Services and as an Adjunct Faculty member, and has been with the college for 17 years.

Also on September 12, Academic Affairs welcomed **Ray Johnson** into his new role as Computer Systems Engineering Technology Manager (Coordinator of Learning Services). Ray previously served as a Lab Tech I and as an Adjunct Faculty member, and has been with the college for over 30 years.

**Welcome and Congratulations, All!**